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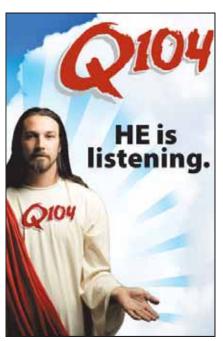


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DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION

Artist Becka Viau sits still for her portrayal of a queenly figure, which she is staging in the Roy Building on Barrington Street in Halifax. The artwork is one of many to have appeared in the vacant property as a way to bring more life to the downtown street. Story, page 3. Devaan Ingraham/For Metro

Family left guessing

Murder anniversary.

'What in the world ever happened?' asks sister of Kevin Farren



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The sister of a man murdered just over a year ago in Dartmouth says the family is still struggling to understand the crime — and not getting many answers from police.

Kevin Farren, 61, was found dead on March 9 after police received reports of a commotion in a Portland Hills house.

"My brother was such a quiet, kind person, it's just hard to wrap your head around how his life could ever have ended in such a violent way," Faith Brenan, one of Farren's sisters, said on Monday.

Farren, who was from Waverley, was an accountant, working in the home office of his employer at the time of his

Senseless crime

"If you ever met my brother, he'd never have an enemy in the world."

Faith Brenan

death. The homeowner was out of town at the time.

"It wasn't out of the ordinary that Kevin would go and work there late in the evening. That was his lifestyle," Brenan caid.

Two people were arrested shortly after the murder but released without charges. There have been no arrests since. Halifax Police Const. Dianne Woodworth said investigators are actively working the case.

Brenan said the family has heard little from investigators, and although they appreciate the need for police to proceed carefully, it's hard to be patient.

"They cannot tell you anything," she said. "They can't get your hopes up to say they're really close. They just are so careful. And that's frustrating."

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Window to another world

Historic Roy Building transformed.

Art, from performance to visual, set to pop up in downtown storefront



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The queen puts on makeup in a dark corner of an empty building, a fluorescent light casting shadows on her face as she paints her lips a deep red.

She adds a final touch to her hair, then opens a door, stepping into the light to face her public.

Interesting displays have been popping up in the empty windows of the historic Roy Building at 1658 Barrington St. of late, including a real-live monarch.

"She's a little snooty, the queen," said artist Becka Viau of the character she plays for her performance-art piece.

"It's just to sort of throw people off and make them think twice about their pedestrian experience downtown, especially the vacancies on Barrington."

Viau said she wanted to explore people's idea of "queenliness" and create discussions about the monarchy in Canada or simply "pull people back to Online



To see more of the queen art display, check out our photo gallery at metronews.ca

their childhood ... or dressing

Other exhibits include TV monitors displaying extreme closeups of eyes and a moustached-mouth, as well as ceramic shells and fish-like creatures hanging from the ceiling.

"People are constantly stopping at the windows and looking in, and that sort of thing really adds to the vibrancy of any core of a city," said Scott Saunders, exhibit organizer.

Saunders took his windowgallery idea to StarFish Properties after he grew tired of looking at the Roy's papered-over, boring storefront.

He plans on bringing all types of art to the windows, including a performance team making avant-garde music, who will take Viau's spot early next week.

"A lot of people that are just wandering around the down-



town of any city, any urban core, are not necessarily people you would ever see caught dead

in an art gallery," Saunders said.
"To suddenly interrupt the
urban environment with these

kind of found-art spaces ... becomes fascinating for your average individual who's just moving along, doing their thing."

Saunders said he plans on rotating his work and those of

local artists until the building is torn down.

"It could be eight months, 12 months or more than that," Saunders said. "We're riding it until then though."

Crown laying out spending-scandal evidence



The Crown began methodically laying out its case as the trial of a former provincial cabinet minister charged in Nova Scotia's spending scandal got underway Tuesday in Halifax.

Russell MacKinnon, 59, pleaded not guilty last May to charges of fraud, breach of trust

and uttering forged documents.

The former Liberal was one of four politicians charged in February 2011 following an investigation by the province's auditor general into constituency allowance spending. He is the first to contest the charges.

Jocelyn Scallion, the former

director of administration at the Speaker's Office, was called by the Crown on Tuesday to describe the types of members' expenses that were administered by the office.

Crown lawyer Andrew Macdonald entered expense receipts as evidence that Scallion said were submitted by MacKinnon from 2003 to 2006. She said she had approved them. Asked in each case whether or not the receipts were a cause for concern under the rules governing members' expenses, Scallion replied, "No." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NSCAD. Students red with anger over debt dispute with province

Students at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design tied their debt literally and figuratively to Province House on Tuesday.

Red fabric was tied to the stone lions in Granville Square in downtown Halifax as well as the government gate as students marched to the parking lot around noon, said NSCAD student union president Sarah

"We hope that it's a reminder that the province and our institution are intrinsically linked," Trower said.

"We're being constantly shamed for our debt, and that is not a productive way for us to be able to work together.'

The group stood and chanted "red rover, red rover we call Dexter over," as a reaction to the premier missing their Feb. 25 deadline for a response to their manifesto on a "vibrant and independent NSCAD."

The province has set Friday as its deadline for NSCAD to



submit a sustainability report on how it will manage its debt, which Trower said is unrealis-

"What we're asking for is just a little bit of time to recover, for NSCAD to make a real effort in terms of fundraising and being able to get its fi-nancial house in order," Trower

"We are unable to do that when we're constantly under pressure of these deadlines." HALEY RYAN/METRO

Dartmouth Crossing. Cop cleared for chasing suspect through parking lot

The province's Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT) has announced that no charges should be laid against an officer with Halifax Regional Police who chased a man through two Dartmouth Crossing parking lots last November.

In the incident on Nov. 7, police responded to a man and woman shoplifting at the Dartmouth Crossing Wal-Mart. The man was arrested by police on outstanding charges and he was taken to the police vehicle before he ran off.

The officer chased the man through two parking lots and across two streets before the man allegedly ran down a bank and broke his leg after jumping from a rock wall.

SIRT says in a release issued Tuesday that the accused has acknowledged the officer was doing his job during the case. METRO STAFF

SIRT says the officer acted properly in chasing the suspect and that there are no grounds to consider charges.

Life in prison

Cape Breton man convicted in Big Ben's murder dies

Convicted murderer Ernest Gordon Strowbridge has died in an Edmonton hospital while serving a life sentence for the bloody slaying of Sydney convenience store clerk Marie Lorraine Dupe in 1992.

A news release from Correctional Services Canada said Strowbridge, 37, who was imprisoned at the Edmonton Institute for second-degree murder, died Feb. 27 of natural causes at a local hospital.

Correctional Services will be releasing no further information about Strowbridge's death or years in prison, said spokesman Jeff Campbell.

Dupe was working the overnight shift at the Big Ben's 24-hour convenience store in March 1992 when she was stabbed more than 40 times in a murder that shocked the community as the savage details became public.

CAPE BRETON POST



Pothole problem? Call the hotline

Pick up the phone.

If you see one, the provincial government wants to know



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If there's something strange in your neighbourhood, who you gonna call? The pothole hotline, of course.

As spring approaches, the provincial government has announced their hotline is now

open again for the public to report any potholes that pop up, in order to keep the warmweather problem under con-

"When you're responsible for 23,000 kilometres of roads, patching potholes is a big job," Maurice Smith, the province's minister of transportation and infrastructure renewal, said in a press release Tuesday.

You can dial the hotline, which connects callers to the nearest transportation and infrastructure renewal base.

For the 100-series highways and trunk roads, potholes deeper than 100 millimetres (four inches) are marked with a sign as soon as staff become aware of them and repaired within seven days.

Potholes on lower-traffic roads must be signed within 24 hours and repaired within 21 days, according to province.

For now, potholes are repaired with a temporary patch called cold mix. In the summer months, a longer-lasting hotmix asphalt will be used.

Although many Haligonians are looking forward to sunny skies, higher temperatures mean cracks and holes in the pavement.

Thompson,

spokesperson for HRM, said the municipality doesn't have a separate line for these complaints, but the public can dial 311 for street maintenance issues and to report potholes.

"They would direct to the appropriate crews," Thompson said about the citizen contact centre. If you prefer email, the public can also enter a service request online at halifax.ca/311.

The number

Dial the pothole hotline at 1-888-432-3233.

Feds to fund elder-abuse awareness project

An initiative to help healthcare providers in Nova Scotia recognize signs of elder abuse is getting "vital" funding from the federal govern-

Alice Wong, Minister of State for Seniors, was in Halifax Tuesday to announce \$180,000 for the Elder Abuse Awareness for Healthcare Professionals project by the

Legal formation Society Nova Scotia (LISNS).

fect world,

"In a perfunding for Alice Wong RUTH projects like DAVENPO this would not be necessary.

But the sad reality is that

elder abuse does exist," said

The two-step awareness project will develop information and resources to educate health-care providers on the signs of elder abuse and on resources to offer potential victims.

LISNS director Maria Banks said most seniors would feel comfortable telling their family doctor about abuse, but not every doctor knows how to respond.

"They know if it's physical abuse they should report it, but not necessarily if they're suspecting financial abuse," she said. "They're not quite sure how to raise the conversation and then not quite sure what resources are out there.'

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'I certainly think I got the last laugh': Globetrotter

Role model.

Former bullying victim Chris Franklin now living the dream

KAYLA WOODSIDE

Bullied kids sometimes get the last laugh — just ask Chris (Handles) Franklin of the Harlem Globetrotters.

When he was young and living in Harrisburg, Penn., he would dribble his basketball everywhere, while friends and family laughed at

They said he dribbled too much and his dream to become a Globetrotter was too hard to make happen.

"That's what I wanted to do in life and people would say there's no way you can become a Harlem Globetrotter, but I certainly think I got the last laugh," Franklin said Tuesday at the Community

"I'm passionate about this. It's something that's plaquing us around the world."

Chris (Handles) Franklin, Harlem Globetrotter, on bullying

YMCA in north-end Halifax.

He was there to emphasize the team's ABC's of Bullying Prevention program. The program focuses on action, bravery and the compassion of bystanders.

Teaching kids that dreams can come true is something Franklin loves doing after he fulfilled his. He joined the team in 2006 at the age of 34 and has been showcasing his skills with the Globetrotters ever since.

"I'm living my lifelong dream, so teaching these kids that their dreams are attainable is something I'm a living testimony about,"

Speaking to close to a dozen kids on Tuesday, he emphasized following your dreams as well as getting an education and listening to your parents. Franklin himself has a master's degree in social work.

Putting a stop to bullying can help kids achieve these goals and the ABC's is how to do this, he said.

"The first is action. If you see bullying, tell someone," he said as kids sat in a circle, later echoing the word "action."

Carne Clayton, a YMCA youth worker and supervisor for volunteers, said she was thrilled to have Franklin talking to the community's

"The (Globetrotters) were here last year and the kids really love it - it's great," she

Globetrotters are back in Halifax on March 21 for a show at the Metro Cen-



N.S. filmmaker lands GG arts award



A Nova Scotian who has written and produced documentaries, feature films and a television series has been named as a recipient of the Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts.
William D. MacGillivray,

who is from Rose Bay and works in Halifax, is a filmmaker with more than 40 years of experience. His other accolades and awards include the best director and best documentary awards at the 2011 Atlantic Film Festival for The Man of a Thousand Songs.

MacGillivray, along with

six others, was announced as a winner of the prestigious award on Tuesday at a ceremony in Montreal. The award, which recognizes achievements by Canadian artists, includes a \$25,000 prize.

"It is recognition of a body of work over a long period of time, and that's a very satisfying thing," MacGillivray said by phone on Tuesday.

He was also pleased that his peers were the ones doing the evaluating.

"It's a judged award, and

it's judged by a group of artists and media makers, so

that's what gives it so much weight," he said.

But MacGillivray doesn't take all of the credit. He said his partner, Terry Greenlaw, has played an equal part in developing the films and docu-

"I've worked with my partner, Terry Greenlaw, forever it seems, well, since 1987, and she's very much a part of all of the projects we work on."

MacGillivray said Green-law helps him develop the humanistic theme he likes to incorporate in the stories he

• The Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts will be handed out on March 20 during a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

"We've always tried to have a humanistic viewpoint, that is, that people are valuable, people's ideas are valuable, and we as a society need to engage in one another's stories." STEPHEN MACDONALD/FOR METRO

New Minas

Man faces 14 driving charges

Police say a 34-year-old New Minas man sped away from police while impaired on Highway 360 north of Berwick on Sunday.

Kings District RCMP say they responded to a complaint of a suspicious vehicle and observed two men doing cocaine. The driver took off and police say when they attempted to pull the car over the passenger jumped from the vehicle. He was immediately arrested.

Police say the driver accelerated and drove erratically so officers didn't pursue him. He was later apprehended at a nearby gas station. metro

Armdale Yacht Club

Sail-away fail thieves ground stolen yacht

Halifax police are looking for the people who stole a yacht in the Northwest Arm and ran it aground.

The theft was reported at about 10 a.m. on Tuesday when police received

a "miscellaneous circumstances" call from Purcell's Cove Road near Melville Cove.

A release from police says someone had taken a yacht sometime without the owner's permission or knowledge and then run it ashore

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident to contact them or Crime Stoppers.

Amherst

Man gets 2 years, 6 months in prison for stabbing incident

An Amherst man has been sentenced to 30 months in a federal prison for an aggravated assault in the Nova Scotia town in late January.

Sheldon Leslie Dara Strong, 29, of Dale Street, Amherst, was sentenced on Monday to two years, six months in federal custody and a weapons prohibition for life after he pleaded guilty to wounding a person with a knife, thereby causing aggravated assault.

The incident happened on Jan 25. AMHERST DAILY NEWS metronews.ca Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Black smoke signals another day of anxiety

Papal election.

Cardinals fail to vote in new pope on first try

Black smoke poured from the Sistine Chapel chimney on Tuesday, signalling that cardinals had failed on their first vote of the papal conclave to choose a new leader for the world's 1.2 billion Catholics and their troubled church.

Surrounded by Michelangelo's imposing frescoes depicting the beginning and end of the world, cardinals locked themselves into the chapel following a final appeal for unity to heal the divisions that have been exposed by Pope Benedict XVI's shocking resignation and revelations of corruption and mismanagement in the Vatican bureaucracy.

For over a week, the cardinals have met to try to figure out who among them has the stuff to be pope and what his priorities should be.

Led by prelates holding a crucifix and candles, the 115 scarlet-robed cardinals chanted the Litany of Saints, the hypnotic Gregorian chant imploring the intercession of the saints to guide their voting, before the master of liturgical ceremonies intoned "extra omnes," or "all out," and closed the heavy wooden doors.

Outside, thousands of people braved cold night rain and packed St. Peter's Square, eyes fixed on the narrow chimney poking out of the Sistine Chapel roof.

Yet the mood was not entirely sombre. A group of women who say they are



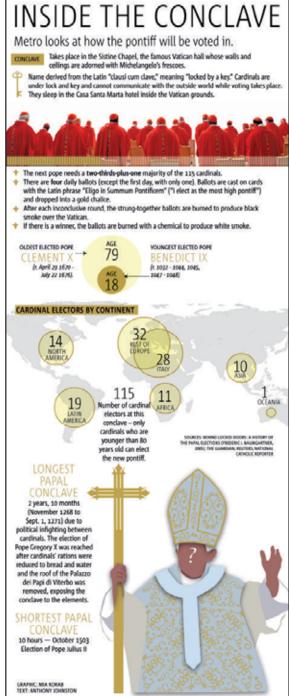
priests launched pink smoke from a balcony overlooking the square to demand female ordination. Two topless activists from Femen were dragged away from the edge of St. Peter's Square by police. Femen activists have previously protested the Vatican's opposition to gay marriage.

And in a bizarre twist, exbasketball star Dennis Rodman promised to be in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday in a makeshift popemobile as he campaigns for Cardinal Peter Turkson of Ghana to become the church's first black pope. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taking bets

Bookmakers in betting-mad Britain are cashing in on the Roman Catholic conclave to select a new pope.

- Main game. Cardinal Angelo Scola of Milan was leading the pack for many. Ladbrokes had the Italian with odds of 2-1, while Paddy Power and William Hill had him at 9-4. Paddy Power was taking bets that the next pope will hail from
- Waiting game. People are also placing bets on how long it will take the cardinals to elect a pope. William Hill had Tuesday as the favourite, at 5-2, with 6-4 odds on Wednesday.
- Name game. Paddy Power's second-largest pope-related market is for what name Benedict's successor will take — with Leo, Gregory and Pius among the most popular predictions.





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The research

What do Canadians know?

Canadians do care about where they come from, according to the latest stats from Ancestry.ca.

- 91% of Canadians feel that knowing one's family history is important.
- 44% of Canadians have researched their family history.
- 41% say they heard an interesting story about their ancestor from a relative and this prompted them to research their family history.
- 42% wish they knew more about their family history. **ANCESTRY.CA**



The unknown

What do Canadians not know?

While 91 per cent of Canadians think it's important to know one's history, many do not have the information to do so.

• 44% don't know when

their family first arrived in Canada.

- 34% don't know either of their grandmother's maiden names.
- 37% don't know the occupation of their grandfathers.
- 37% don't know where either of their grandparents

or great grandparents were born.

- 34% are unsure if any of their ancestors fought in either of the World Wars.
- 50% of Canadians don't know if any of their ancestors have been awarded a medal for their military service.

In this ever-changing world it's easy to lose sight of who you are and where you came from. People move, families are separated and personal histories fade like tattered photographs yellowing in old shoe boxes. In this three-part series on genealogy, Metro Canada will help you replant the seed of family knowledge and recreate those missing branches. In this first instalment, we have teamed up with Ancestry.ca to get you started in your quest into the past — through family albums, old birth records and stories that may amaze you. Tomorrow we will take a look at some of the surprises that may have budded on your family tree, and on Friday we'll end the series with a look into the microscopic knowledge of DNA and what it can teach you about your genetic past.

A trek across space and time to self-discovery

Family history. How one woman learned about all the things her grandmother never told her

SHELLEY COOK

It all started in 1977, when Linda Kawamoto, now Linda Reid, found a story written by a woman with the same name as her grandmother.

The story, which won first place in a historical-writing contest, chronicled a young Japanese woman's journey of coming to Canada from Japan in 1907 as a "picture bride"

"When I saw this story, I thought 'Could this be my grandmother?" said Reid in a telephone interview from her office at the Nikkei Nation Museum in Burnaby, B.C.

A curious Reid did some investigating and discovered that the story was indeed written by her grandmother, Koto Kawamoto.

"I thought, 'Wow, this is really cool. Here she is talking about all the things that she would have never told me," explained Reid, who was very close to her grandmother.

Eager to learn more about her family history, Reid began the task of tracing her family's roots, starting in 1902 when her young grandfather, Sansuke Kawamoto, travelled across the ocean from Meiji, Japan, to Victoria, B.C., in the hopes of finding a more prosperous life in Canada.

For five years the young man worked hard, tilling land in B.C.'s Fraser Valley.

When he earned enough to buy his own land, Reid's grandfather built a little home and began cultivating farmland on his property to make a living.

After his new picture bride

he selected her through
a photo shown to him by a
matchmaker — arrived in
1907, she joined in on the
long hours of work. The young
couple established a good life
for themselves in Canada.

During the Second World War, like most Japanese people in B.C., Reid's grandparents were placed in Japanese internment camps. Everything they'd worked so hard for was lost — their 10 acres of land, their home and all of their belongings were taken and auctioned off by the B.C. Security Commission.

"It was a really painful time for Japanese people in Canadian history," Reid explained, adding many people to this day still don't like to talk about it. "Thankfully my dad has always been very good about talking about it."

For Reid, learning about her grandparents' journey has created a whole new journey for herself. "It was my grandmother's story that really peaked my curiosity," Reid explained. "I started reading a lot of books and doing research like that. I didn't get into genealogy until the 1980s."

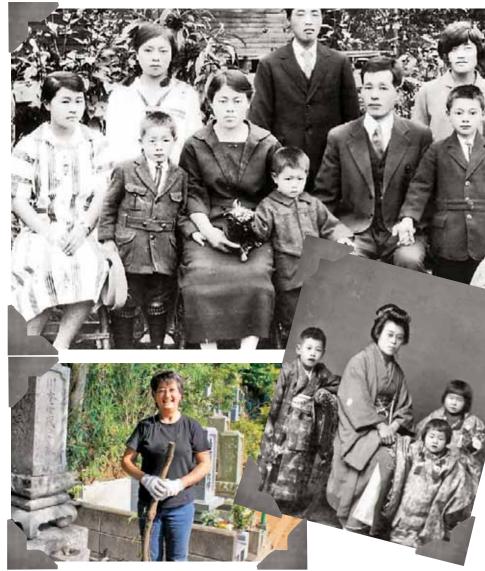
The research archivist has taken trips back to her grand-parents' homeland, in search of learning more. She is also a longtime member of Ancestry. ca, where she has found documents and information that has helped in her research.

Reid's interest and curiosity in genealogy and family research has not only helped her find her roots, it has also been key in assisting others in their search to learn about their family's histories.

"It's like a passion for me," she said. "It's taken me into a number of wild directions."

Online

Notorious or famous? Does your family tree have an interesting branch? Tweet us about them at #metrofamous



The top photo was taken in 1927. From Kimiko, left, Fukuyo (standing), Sueyo, Koto, Makoto (boy in front), unknown (tall man in back), Sansuke, Hiroshi (boy in front with hat — Reid's father), Midori, Masao, Tsugio. This photo was taken at the family farm in Haney, B.C. The property was bought in 1920, confiscated in 1942 and sold in 1943 without consent.

In the black and white shot taken in 1913, Reid's grandmother Koto Kawamoto is seen in a kimono with her three oldest children, Masao, left, Fukuyo, centre and Kimiko Kawamoto.

In the bottom photo, Linda Reid cleans the gravesite of her ancestors in Japan. Reid's grandfather built this monument to his family in 1927. ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF LINDA REID

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Additional source

The Mormon church is well known for its collection of genealogy records.

You can do a free search on the Mormon church's huge genealogy record collection (2.5 billion names to be exact) at familysearch.

Be sure to input various

spellings of the surname and first name for which you are searching.

Try even using first initials if you can't find the person you are searching for by using a full name.

You can also access records, get free help and collaborate with other people seeking to build their family



African-Canadians

Debunking popular belief

Records do exist for re-searching African-Canadian

genealogy. From 1793 until the end of the American Civil War in 1895, more than 30,000 slaves came to Canada via the Underground Railroad.

Other migrations occurred during the War of 1812, from California to Vancouver Island from 1858 to 1860, as well as between 1909 and 1911, when more than 1,500 farmers moved to Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Library and Archives Canada offers various sources. Among them are The Muster Book of Free Blacks (who were among lovalist refugees when

they settled in Nova Scotia) and the Book of Negroes (contains names of black loyalists, their origins, names of their white associates, ships that carried them and more).

Meanwhile, other documents include a list of black chaplains enlisted in the Canadian army (1942 to 1944), and the Canadian Pacific Railways' list of black porters (1930 to 1956). metro

Tomorrow

Which famous stars share more than a Canadian passport? Read tomorrow's Metro to find out.

Filling out the branches of your tree

Getting started. Even if you know next to nothing about your family, finding out is

Lesley Anderson, content specialist and spokesperson for Ancestry.ca, has some tips on how you can begin your

genealogists researchers are the ones who want digital documents to be recognized," says Anderson.



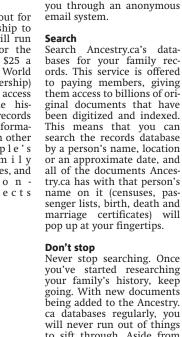
Find others reaching out for ancestors. A membership to the website (which will run you \$12 a month for the Canadian site and \$25 a month for the World Deluxe membership) gives you access to see the his-

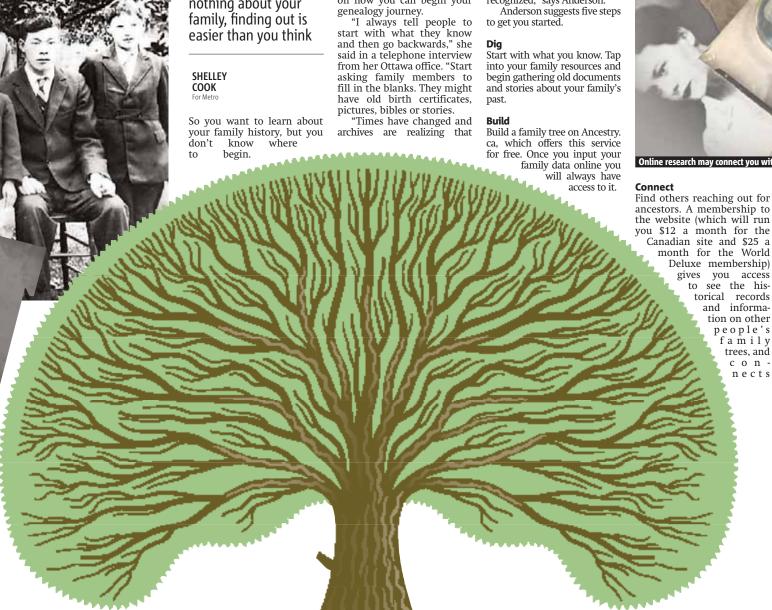
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Curiosity rover

Very small life may have been possible on Mars: NASA

NASA scientists say tests on a Mars rock show the planet could have supported primitive life — microscopic organisms. The analysis was done by the rover Curiosity, which drilled into the rock and tested a sample.

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Bully babies?

Babies dislike those who are different: Study

A study from the University of B.C. suggests babies may have a mean streak.

A professor found infants as young as nine months favour those who bring harm to people who are different than themselves. Kiley Hamlin, lead author of the study

published in the journal Psychological Science, says almost all of the 112 babies tested acted the same.

First, babies nine to 14 months old chose a food they preferred. They were then shown a puppet show where a puppet demonstrated the same food preference and another puppet demonstrated the opposite preference.
The babies preferred the

puppets who harmed the puppet with the opposite preference. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lin's father breaks down at hearing



on Tuesday. Ryan remiorz/the canadian press

Luka Magnotta inquiry.

Daran Lin had to leave courtroom during one witness's testimony

A father left a courtroom in tears after hearing evidence at the preliminary inquiry of Luka Magnotta, who is accused of killing and dismembering his son.

The preliminary hearing for Magnotta has begun with testimony from police witnesses. He is charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of Jun Lin.

As a second police witness took the stand, Daran Lin was overcome with emotion and left the courtroom trembling and in tears, assisted by his

translator as he left the room.

The hearing is subject to a publication ban on the evidence being presented. However, members of the public and media are allowed to witness it. A unique defence at-tempt to have the courtroom closed was rejected Tuesday.

The first witness to take the stand at the preliminary hearing was the lead investigator in the case. Michel Bourque is a Montreal police major-crimes investigator.

Later, a crime-scene technician took the stand. During a difficult bit of testimony, Lin's father left the room.

Earlier Tuesday, the judge presiding over the hearing ruled that the public and media would be allowed to attend the legal proceedings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New York City

Cop convicted in plot to eat women

A New York City police of-ficer was convicted Tuesday of charges he plotted to kidnap and cook women to dine on their "girl meat."

The jury reached the verdict at the trial of Officer Gilberto Valle, a 28-yearold father with a fetish for talking about cannibalism. Valle's lawyers chose not to hide what they called "weird proclivities." But they insisted he was just

fantasizing.
Prosecutors said Valle was taking steps to abduct his wife and at least five others. They said he searched for how to knock someone out with chloroform and showed up on the block of one woman after agreeing to kidnap her for a New Jersey man, now awaiting trial. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Falklands votes for British rule

Referendum

Falkland Islanders are celebrating their referendum showing that 99.8 per cent want the area to remain a British Overseas Territory.

Legislative Assembly member Gavin Short said he hopes it sends a message to Argentine President Cristina Fernandez: "We have absolutely no desire to be ruled by the government in Buenos Aires. I hope that you now might respect

Argentina's ambassador to London said Tuesday that the vote was organized by and for the British just to claim the islands for Britain. She said the wishes of a few hundred islanders are no match for many millions of people who recognize Argentine sovereignty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Analyst says iPhone will take a tumble — BlackBerry-style

Smartphone market.

'When handset makers fall out of favour, they fall faster/further than expected,' observer says

Jefferies analyst Peter Misek has likened Apple Inc.'s iPhone to the BlackBerry and Razr, devices that ascended, tumbled and are now struggling to rebound.

"Historically, when handset makers fall out of favour, they fall faster/further than expected," he said in a note to investors on Tuesday that evoked the comparison to Motorola, HTC and Waterloo's Black-Berry, whose new Z10 phone starts U.S. pre-orders today.

Misek sees a 25 per cent chance Apple will miss its guidance when it reports first-quarter earnings due to slowing sales in late March following Samsung Group's release of its latest Galaxy phone on Thursday.



He added that checks with suppliers show casing colour problems for the anticipated iPhone 5S will push out its

launch to between July and September.

Misek, who had a \$900 US price target on Apple shares in August, slashed his forecast to \$420 from \$500, projecting the

stock will trade below its current level.

He pared his revenue forecast and his outlook for iPhone sales, predicting moderate growth and warning of further cuts to his targets if new versions of the iPhone "fail to restimulate" sales in developed markets. The iPhone has been jockeying with the Samsung Galaxy S line for market leadership, with Apple recapturing the title in the latest quarter. But Apple shares have fallen hard since hitting their all-time high in September at \$705.07 on decelerating iPhone 5 sales.

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Princess to the rescue. Dad is a hacking hero

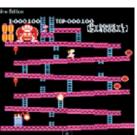
In Mike Mika's version of Donkey Kong, it's the princess who rescues Mario. In response to a plea from his three-year-old daughter, Mika hacked the game, swapping the characters and bringing a little gender parity to the classic Nintendo title.

"She's played as Princess Toadstool in Super Mario Bros. 2 and naturally just assumed she could do the same in Donkey Kong. I told her we couldn't in that particular Mario game; she seemed really bummed out by that," he wrote in a post uploaded to Reddit on Saturday.

"So what else am I supposed to do? Now I'm up at midnight hacking the ROM, replacing Mario with Pauline."

For his efforts, Mika is being hailed as the "best dad ever" by Reddit users. It's not the first time a doting father has hacked his daughter's way to hero-dom. Last year, software developer Mike Hoye released a version of The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker that turned the game's protagonist into a young woman.

"I'm not having my daughter growing up thinking girls



Mike Mika is being hailed as the "be dad ever" for hacking Donkey Kong s the princess can rescue Mario — all to make his three-year-old daughter happy. YOUTUBE.COM

don't get to be the hero and rescue their little brothers," Hoye wrote in a blog post.

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University of Toronto professor Sara Grimes says hacks such as Hoye's and Mika's are a response to decades of underrepresentation of women in video games. "The reaction from the media and the gaming community has been so positive, I think, because they're answering a need for more equal gender representation in games," she said.

LUKE SIMCOE/METRO ONLINE

Ottawa. Federal watchdog finds more cooked deals

A federal watchdog is blowing the whistle again on a series of cooked contracts at a school that teaches public servants about ethics and values.

Frank Brunetta, the procurement ombudsman, said Tuesday he found more evidence that the Canada School of Public Service rigged its contracts to make sure they went to favoured suppliers. Brunetta's inquiry was sparked by a tip he received in April last year that contracts awarded to two consultants showed clear signs of favouritism. The intensive

By the numbers

\$1.7M

The report examined the way contracts were awarded to six consultants, altogether worth \$1.7 million, from 2008 to 2011.

investigation confirmed the tip, with evidence of contract splitting, unfair evaluations and dubious contract amendments — all of which occurred without triggering the school's supposed checks and balances. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rival to GPS

Sat-nav system sends location fix

The European Space Agency says it has received the first location fix from its own satellite navigation system. The Galileo system is seen as Europe's rival to the U.S.-built Global Positioning System. ESA says technicians at a control centre in the Dutch city of Noordwijk received a longitude, latitude and altitude reading early Tuesday from the four satellites already in orbit.

Market Minute



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Washington. Menu-labelling law gets 'extremely thorny'

Diners in the U.S. will have to wait a little longer to find calorie counts on most restaurant chain menus, in supermarkets and on vending machines.

Writing a new menu-labelling law "has gotten extremely thorny," says the head of the Food and Drug Administration, as the agency tries to figure out who should be covered by it.

The 2010 health-care law charged the FDA with requiring chain restaurants and other establishments that serve food

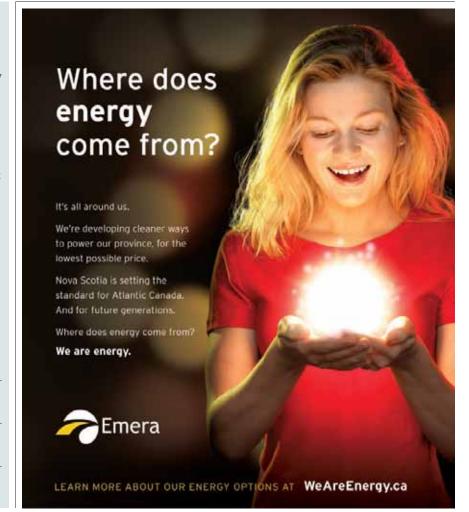
to put calorie counts on menus and in vending machines. The agency issued a proposed rule in 2011, but the final rules have since been delayed as some of those non-restaurant establishments have lobbied hard to be exempt.

While the restaurant industry has signed on to the idea and helped to write the new regulations, supermarkets, convenience stores and other realiers that sell prepared food say they want no part of it.

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CAN SOMEONE THINK OF THE ALBUM?

Why are musicians still recording albums? Doesn't it seem that the very notion is almost a complete anachronism? They're even doling out Grammy and Juno Awards for best album despite the ever-dwindling hardware and retail outlets that purvey it. I mean, no one has a record collection anymore, just a series of files on progressively shrinking mobile devices.

But perhaps I am speaking in the abstract, and the term has a different definition to the "net" generation.

Now, I'm an avid supporter of artists and do not condone file sharing except to uncover some rare duet between Sid Vicious and Barry Manilow, so forgive me for having recently uttered the phrase "burning a CD," but I immediately regretted it. A gentleman in his late 20s

mocked me with the contempt usually reserved for someone who separates from a Kardashian. With music evolving into the metaphysical, this guy would have surgically implanted a USB



Mike Benhaim Guest columnist filling in for Paul Sullivan

port into his temporal lobe were it not for its obviously inevitable obsolescence. I am also fairly certain he was watching Shahs of Sunset through wireless contact lenses as we spoke.

Prior to that, I had not considered myself oldfashioned, but it dawned on me recently, as I waited outside the photo lab for my pictures to be developed, that it might just be my romantic sentimentality.

Gather the kids around the fire, and I will regale them with magical tales about a time (insert flashback music here) when phones were answered by humans and movies played only in theatres or on TV at very specific times. You could not pause, rewind, avoid commercials or even choose the content.

These sad children were forced to witness the repeated demise of their musical mediums like eight-tracks, cassettes, records, laser discs, mini-discs and CDs, until the music simply vanished into a virtual, intangible mist. Never

again would teenagers line up for the release of their favourite artist's new project, gaze at the list of titles on the back of the album jacket before peeling away the shrink wrap, revealing two panels that might contain a story, lyrics, photos or some cheeky foreshadowing of the mystery that awaited within — the music.

This is no knock on today's teen music scene. Like our oceans, there are still treasures beneath the pollution that's been dumped by the masses, but there is something to be said for anticipation and the aforementioned ceremony that surrounds a tangible addition to your collection. But why build a discernible product if photos and lyrics can be found online and videos are all on YouTube?

Iguess what I am saying is that in one generation, we've gone from hoping for some of what we want to instantly getting everything we want. It's destination without the journey, or sex without foreplay-which, as my past lovers will

tell you, may still be sex, but the excitement builds too fast and ends way too soon.



Read more of Just Sayin' at metronews.ca

ZOOM

This is a real trunk-twister



GIIIIS OHAEDVIJEG/SOLENT

Eager elephants show some love

This trio of elephants show their love for one another as they get their trunks in a tangle. The three fully grown African elephants were spotted sharing a bonding moment as they huddled together.

Semi-professional photographer Guus Quaedvlieg captured the moment while on holiday in South Africa. metro

Not fighting but hugging



GUUS QUAEDVLIEG

Describe the moment you met these three benevolent elephants.

My wife and I were on hóliday in Addo National Park in South Africa. We were driving through the conservation park when all of a sudden we found ourselves in the middle of a big herd. Two bulls were playing and then out of the blue, a third one came and started hugging the others. I pulled out my camera and shot this photo.

Hugging? Were they not fighting?

No, not at all. Normally when elephants get together they can be quite aggressive and try to establish who has authority within the group. But when they all met it was clear they knew each other, as they were really caring and loving.

Clickbait

Who knew a dating site that pairs singles based on similar facial features would be so popular? Here are some other unique matchmaking sites.



Always wanted to date a "fox"? This site matches the furriest of friends.

cupidtino.com

Are you a Mac lover looking for love? This site brings those passionate about their devices together to share their love of Apple products.

diapermates.com

For adults who love to dress up as babies or think that wearing a diaper might be considered a turn on.

meet-an-inmate.com

Convicts post pictures and mailing info to start snail mail correspondence. One disclaimer: Their crimes aren't listed.

@metropicks asked: If you were elected pope, what would be the first words you say to the crowd at St. Peter's Square?

@Hfxgrows: Hey, get off my driveway!

@MainStPoodle: All pets go to heaven, Expect cats, who are pure evil.

@GilfoyB73: I've done all the necessary book learn-ins and it sure doesn't take rocket appliances to be the Pope Its more like denial &error

@Zaedum: Friends, Romans, countrymen... Lend me your wallets. Even after our tax breaks we are still

coming up short, #whataioke

@danahlstrand: do these red shoes make me look fat?

@GoTireHRM: humour is a great thing, what about.."let us all pray for the Toronto Maple Leafs and their quest for a playoff start"...

@KP89: close your eyes and tap your heels together three times. And think to yourself, there's no place like Rome

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Abracadabra — you may have seen this trick before

The Incredible Burt Wonderstone. Star studded cast still manages to pull a rabbit out of their hat



IN FOCUS Richard Crouse scene@metronews.c

This weekend a cast of Hollywood A-listers are going to try and do something magical. Literally.

In The Incredible Burt

Wonderstone, Steve Carell and Steve Buscemi play down-and-out Las Vegas magicians, up-staged by hotshot Steve Gray (Jim Carrey). Adding more star power is Alan Arkin as a retired magician who still has a card or two up his sleeve. With an advertising tagline like Abracatastic! you can expect lots of illusions, but Burt Wonderstone isn't the first movie magician to pull a rabbit out of his hat on screen. In Death Defying Acts Guy Pearce plays the best-known magician of all time — Harry Houdini. Set in 1926, 13 years after his mother's death, the movie introduces him to a Scottish psychic and her daughter, played by Catherine Zeta-Jones and Saoirse Ronan, who try and con him into believing they can contact Mrs. Houdini from beyond the grave.

Houdini has been played by everyone from author Norman Mailer and Harvey Keitel to Tony Curtis and Emile Hirsch, but it's also possible to catch a glimpse of the real deal. The prestidigitator began filming his magic act as early as 1906 and went on to star in a series of films with titles like The Master Mystery and Terror Island, all of which are available on the DVD set Houdini: The Movie Star.

Taking their lead from Houdini, Penn and Teller starred in Penn & Teller Get Killed, a 1989 black comedy featuring a classic sequence of Teller catching pigeons in the park with his bare hands.

Audiences could pick one of two magic movies from the deck in 2006.

First, The Prestige saw Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman abracadabra their way through this Christopher Nolan-directed film about tragic results of a rivalry between two 19th century stage magicians. Fans of the movie will notice the main characters' initials spell ABRA — Alfred Borden Robert Angier — short for Abracadabra!

Released the same year, The Illusionist starred Edward Norton as a magician who uses his magical skills to win the love of Duchess Sophie (Jessica Biel). Norton's character is loosely based on Erik Jan Hanussen, a magician and clairvoyant who was killed by Nazis in 1933 after a long and successful sage career.

The Mad Magician isn't notable just because it starred Vincent Price as the murderous Gallico the Great. It's best remembered as the first movie to be shown in 3D on television.











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Is Lady Gaga ready to become Mrs. Gaga?

Is Lady Gaga ready to settle down with Chicago Fire star Taylor Kinney?

"From all Ĭ've heard, I don't think I'm dropping a secret by saying they are ready to get hitched this year," DJ Lady Starlight, a close friend of Gaga's, tells the Sun, adding that both

Gaga and Kinney have free time in their schedules in July. "She told me he's the one and you know that instantly when you see them together," the DJ says. But a rep for the singer insists to E! News that the reports of impending wedding bells are definitely not true.



From a wizard to a woman

As her new movie Spring Breakers suggests, former Witches of Waverly Place star Selena Gomez is eager to cut ties with her Disney past.

"Disney is a machine, and I'm grateful for it, but I feel like being part of that environment made me crave the reaction from other

projects even more," Gomez tells the New York Times. "Creatively this is where I wanted to go."

The racy, violent film features Gomez and former High School Musical star Vanessa Hudgens as coeds who rob a diner to fund a wild week in Florida.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Lil Jon might DJ your next . Zumba class

WORD

Meredith Engel scene@metronews.ca

When Lil Jon told us he was gonna move "till the sweat drips down" to a specific place near his own Lil Jon, as it were, we had no idea he was talking about getting low in a Zumba class.

But apparently the rapper is a big fan of the fitness craze (or just really, really short on cash) and has signed on to DJ Zumba classes across the country

as part of a new Zumba Nightclub Series.

Lil Jon will spin on the turntables while celebrity instructor Gina Grant leads a workout. Oh, and don't expect to hear Lil Jon's new single, Work, on the radio anytime soon - it was created especially for Zumba and will be the official theme song for the nightclub series tour, complete with dance moves.

As Metro's resident fitness test dummy, I admit that this class does sound tantalizing.
But I will only par-

take under the following conditions: 1. I get to rehydrate with crunk juice instead of water, and 2. All participants get to shout "OH-KAY!" and "YAY-UH" whenever they please.



Bieber enjoys momentary break from the spotlight in Dutch coffee shop

Justin Bieber took a muchneeded breather in Amsterdam between his tumultuous stay in London and his tour stop in Portugal, and apparently hitting up the Dutch city made the pop star a bit peckish.

Bieber and his security detail were spotted patronizing a coffee shop and a chip shop called Chipsy King.
"Justin seemed to be

amused or comforted by the fact that the employee didn't know him at first and wasn't jumping all over him and treated him like a regular customer," a rep for the chip shop tells E! News.

"The employee thought he had beautiful eyes and he knew he recognized him from somewhere, but he didn't know until a Dutch film crew told him that was Justin Bieber."



@themichaelcaine

Thank You for your kind Birthday messages. Will blow the candles off



@ricky martin

Of all the "Trending News" out there, the one that I really care and I'm concerned about is North Korea.



Papal conclave has begun! So exciting, like the Oscars all over again- we all want to know: Who will win, and who's dress will he be wearing?



@kelly_clarkson

I just found out I'm allergic to Golden Rodc'mon that has to be fake haha. It's sounds like an adult movie, not a weed!

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The final frontier of travel



Interview. Metro sent some questions into orbit with astronaut Chris Hadfield at the International



Space Station

ON THE MOVE Loren Christie life@metronews.ca

Are civilians ready for space? Should a trip there be on everyone's bucket

With some of the technology that's being developed, you can launch off the ground, go up high enough so you just get to the legal definition of space, about

a 100 kilometres up or so. And then come back down again. Pretty amazing voyage. Are civilians ready for space? Well I'm a civilian. Most of the people that fly in space are civilians. I think the real question is, are untrained passengers ready for spaceflight, and should it be on everyone's bucket list? Well of course! It's just such a cool thing. Number one to be weightless, to be able to just tumble, even only for a few minutes to be able to do that is a completely rare experience. But to be able to see the world from this altitude, to be able to look down and see the curvature of the earth, and the thin atmosphere and the beauty of it and the colours of it.

If you were writing a TripAdvisor review of the

International Space Station what would it say?

what would it say?
So if I was writing a TripAdvisor for the Space Station,
what would I say? Unique
destination. Travel there is
difficult but worth the ride.
Accommodation and food
are spartan, functional but
healthy and overall accept
able. Recreational activities
are limited. But the view out
the window is out of this
world

Which places have intrigued you enough to want to visit once you return to Earth — and why?

Deserts are some of the most beautiful things you see because the colours are so widespread and the sand and the rock forms into such — they're natural shapes, but they look so artistic and beautiful. And

up here, we're removed so we just see the artistry but I'd like to go and actually feel what that's like. To compare the super high altitude, very calm and overpoweringly visual aspect of it with the visceral, five sense reality of what those places are like. I'd like to go and experience that so I can compare the two and try to match them togethS LIFE





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Spend some summer time at Windermere

Lake loving. Nestled in the Rockies is a shallow, warm lake that's perfect for water sports

Winter, spring, summer or fall there's one main attraction that keeps visitors coming back to the B.C. resort town of Inver-

It's Lake Windermere.

Nestled in the scenic Columbia Valley with the Rocky Mountains to the east and the Purcell Mountains to the west, Lake Windermere is actually a very large wid-

ening in the Columbia River. It's one of the largest and warmest lakes in the region and has an average depth of only four-and-a-half metres.

"The lake is pretty much the focus," said Heidi Korven, a travel media specialist with Tourism B.C.

"In winter they have the 'White Way' on the lake. It's a 16-kilometre stretch where they clear it for ice skating as well as (put) tracks on it for cross-country skiing on the lake, so that's kind of cool. They also have pond hockey and a curling bonspiel," she

"It's a very cool thing you can do — very Canadiana be-cause you're right in the valley there with the Rockies on one side and the Purcells on the other on this beautiful lake in the winter.

"In the summer the main draw is again the lake because they've got great beaches and it's a really good lake for jet ski-

The town of 4,000 is about a three-hour drive (277 kilometres) west of Calgary and is a half hour away from ski resorts at Panorama Mountain Village to the west and the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort ski area to the south

There are the Radium

- Take a tour of the Columbia River wetlands. wetlandsadventures.com
- Information on activities. hellobc.com/ invermere.aspx
- Explore the Columbia Valley Golf Trail. columbiavalleygolftrail.com

and Fairmont hot springs year round and in the sum-mer the Columbia Valley Golf Trail features nine golf courses within minutes of Invermere — including the Radium Resort Course, Eagle Ranch, Copper Point and Greywolf. "The town is really hop-ping in the summer," said

Korven.

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Bake like the Irish with Soda Bread

This classic Irish quick bread — no rising time needed lends itself to numerous creative variations. Traditional recipes often call for nothing but flour, salt, baking soda and buttermilk or yogurt.

Currants are a common addition, but that's just the start. Any number of seeds, nuts, chopped dried fruit and even chocolate can be added.

For this take on Soda Bread, start with a rich take on the classic recipe, studding it with currants and caraway seeds. Then swap those out to make an oatmeal-rye version with walnuts and fresh thyme and chives. And for a sweet finish, create a chocolate variation, adding a generous half a cup of cocoa powder, dried cherries and dark chocolate.

1. Heat the oven to 400 F. Coat a loaf pan or a 9-by-9-inch baking pan with cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, salt, baking soda and caraway seeds. While stirring, mix in the melted butter until small lumps form and the butter has been evenly distributed. Gently stir in the currants.

- 3. In a small bowl, whisk together the egg and buttermilk. All at once, pour the egg-buttermilk mixture into the flour mixture. Stir gently but thoroughly, just until the flour mixture is moistened. Do not over-mix the dough or the bread will be tough.
- **4.** Scoop the dough into the prepared pan and bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until a wooden skewer or cake tester inserted at the centre comes out clean. Allow to cool in the pan for 5 to 10 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack. Serve warm with butter or

Oatmeal-Rye Soda Bread with Herbs and Walnuts

1. Follow the recipe above, but instead of white pastry flour substitute 2 1/2 cups whole-wheat pastry flour, 1 cup oatmeal and 1 cup rye flour. Omit the caraway seeds. In place of the currants, stir in 3 tablespoons chopped

- 4 cups white pastry flour
- 3 tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp caraway seeds
- 6 tbsp (3/4 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- 3/4 cup dried currants. plumped in hot water
- 1 egg
- 1 2/3 cups buttermilk or plain regular yogurt (not Greek

fresh thyme, 3 tablespoons chopped fresh chives and 1 cup chopped toasted walnuts. Bake as directed.

Double Chocolate Cherry Soda Bread

1. Follow the main recipe, but sift 1/2 cup cocoa powder into the dry ingredients in the first step. Also, increase the sugar to 2/3 cup and omit the caraway seeds. In place of the currants, stir in 1 cup chopped dried cherries and 1 cup chopped dark chocolate. Bake as directed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Drink of the Week

Irish Coffee

- Boiling water
- Hot coffee
- 2 sugar cubes
- 1 1/2 oz Irish whiskey
- 1/4 cup whipping cream, lightly beaten (but still pourable)

Fill large coffee cup with boiling water to preheat. Let stand 1 minute then empty glass. Fill glass three-quarters full with hot coffee. Add sugar, stir until dissolved. Stir in whiskey. Top coffee-whiskey blend with the lightly whipped cream. To do this, hold overturned spoon over coffee, then slowly pour the cream over it. Goal is for cream to float on



Mending machines

Big business. Your questions about heavy duty equipment technicians answered

CHRISTINA **PELLEGRINI**

Heavy duty equipment technicians diagnose, repair and maintain a variety of heavy duty vehicles, including bulldozers, cranes, graders, tractors, paving equipment, offroad haulers and earth movers.

Resumé requirements

What skills are needed?

- Mechanical and mathematical aptitude
- Interest in machines
- Good senses (e.g., smell, touch, etc.) to diagnose problems
- Problem-solving skills
- Detail-oriented



They interpret work orders, keep equipment cleaned, test repaired equipment to ensure safety regulations are met and write service reports.

Technicians often use electronic and computerized testing devices to identify problems and problem solving skills to recommend solutions.

What are common job titles?

Heavy duty equipment technicians are also commonly

- · Heavy duty equipment mechanics
- Construction equipment mechanics
- Farm equipment mechanics • Heavy equipment mechanic
- · Heavy mobile logging equipment mechanic
- · Heavy mobile mining equipment mechanic

• Tractor mechanic

What are the working conditions like?

Some heavy duty equipment technicians work in labs or service centres, while others work on construction or industrial sites, such as oil and gas operations or at mines.

Mobility, working hours and environmental conditions will vary depending on your position, employer and which part of the country you're working in. However, maintaining a safe workplace will be a top priority no matter where you work or which company you work for.

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Rainmen's playoff hopes fading after loss to London

NBL Canada. Halifax must win final game, hope Saint John loses twice



ANDREW RANKIN

The Halifax Rainmen now need more than good luck to make the playoffs.

In a must-win game, the Rainmen were simply outmatched on Tuesday night, falling 103-87 to the London Lightning in their regularseason home finale in front of 2,521 fans at the Metro Centre.

"Way too many turnovers - if we took care of the ball a little better we might have had a chance," Rainmen guard Joey Hay-

"We iust have to focus on getting a win on Sunday, that's it."

Rainmen point guard Melvin Goins

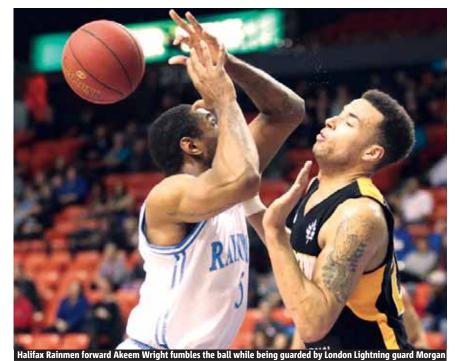
wood said. "Look at London, they figured out mismatches right away and they go right at it. We needed to do

The Rainmen came out of the gate strong and built up a nine-point lead early in the opening quarter. But the first-place Lightning rallied to take a 27-25 into the second quarter. From there, London preserved their lead, shooting 43 per cent from the field and 46 per cent from beyond the arc.

Halifax was able to draw within six in the fourth quarter but London's depth proved too much for a Rainmen team without its best player, Quinnel Brown, who was on the sidelines with a broken hand.

Now the Rainmen are in the unenviable position of having to win their final game of the season against the Summerside Storm on Saturday while relying on the Saint John Mill Rats to lose their final two matchups to make the playoffs.

Haywood said come tomorrow he'll be focused squarely on beating Summerside, which the Rain-



men have managed to do in only three out of seven

Rainmen guard Melvin Goins said Tuesday's loss was a result of allowing

Lewis during third-quarter action at the Metro Centre on Tuesday night. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/METRO

the London team too many second-chance scoring op-

MacKinnon has new outlook after absence



Patience.

That's the one virtue Nathan MacKinnon believes he's come close to mastering since sitting out 14 games with a minor MCL injury.

"That's the biggest thing," said the Halifax Mooseheads forward. "There was nothing I could do about it. I just had to rest and that took time."

Finally, the 17-year-old sniper is preparing to make his return to the lineup in Wednesday's road matchup against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

Having played only 41 regular-season games, MacKinnon sits No. 4 in team scoring, with 69 points. He's anxious to get back in game shape and add to those totals. At the same time, he says he's gained a finer appreciation of just how good this year's Mooseheads team is.

"I always knew we had a great team," MacKinnon said. "But when you watch as many games as I have you realize how special this group of guys is and how everyone can play any role. Guys on our third or

fourth line would be scorers on any other team."

Probably no one is more eager for his return than Dominique Ducharme. For the Mooseheads coach, there's no replacing his well-rounded forward.

"He brings speed and tenacity," Ducharme said. "He plays tough and it's a headache to play against MacKinnon and Drouin and the (Matthew) Bou-

While Jonathan Drouin has continued his torrid point production for the Mooseheads with MacKinnon out, Ducharme said he would reunite the pair on the first line upon the Cole Harbour forward's return.

MacKinnon said he's pretty much 100 per cent after an intense physiotherapy routine. He clearly knows what's at stake and he's hoping to have a long playoff run.

There's tons of pressure on us going into the playoffs, but it's a new challenge and I'm embracing it."

ANDREW RANKIN/METRO

QMJHL

Mooseheads playoff tickets soon up for grabs

Tickets for the first two games of the Halifax Mooseheads' first-round playoff series go on sale to the general public on Thursday.

Games 1 and 2 of Halifax's

opening-round series are scheduled for Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, at the Metro Centre. The Mooseheads will be playing either the Saint John Sea Dogs or Sherbrooke Phoenix in the first round. Their opponent will be decided no later than Sunday, when the QMJHL regular season comes to an

Tickets go on sale on

Thursday at 9 a.m. at all Ticket Atlantic outlets, online at ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221. A maximum of eight tickets per person, per game, can be purchased.

The remaining dates for the best-of-seven first-round series will be finalized once Halifax's opponent has been decided.

AUS

AUS rewards SMU's Colley's dominance during title run

Saint Mary's Huskies' star Justine Colley is the Atlantic University Sport female athlete of the week.

The fourth-year guard from East Preston led

the Huskies to the AUS women's basketball title this past weekend in Fredericton.

Colley averaged 26.5 points and 9.5 rebounds in two Saint Mary's victories. She also earned tournament MVP honours.

The AUS title was the first for Saint Mary's since the 1976-77 season.



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Arrested

AHL player charged with trespassing

A Canadian hockey player ended up in a San Antonio jail this week after allegedly breaking into a home while "heavily intoxicated" and making himself comfortable.

Hamilton's Scott Timmins, a forward with the AHL's San Antonio Rampage, was arrested Monday morning and charged with criminal trespassing.

San Antonio police say a 43-year-old woman awoke in her home to find Timmins sitting on her couch. The police report said Timmins, 23, was heavily intoxicated, smelled of alcohol and was unable to maintain his

Police say the woman asked, "Who are you?" and Timmins allegedly replied, "Who are you?

Police say they found Timmins lying on the couch and when they woke him, he looked at the officers with a blank

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NBA

Heat handle Hawks to make it 19-straight wins

Dwyane Wade scored 23 points and the Miami Heat extended their winning streak to 19 games, leading wire-to-wire in beating the Atlanta Hawks 98-81 on Tuesday night.

LeBron James scored 15 and Chris Bosh and Mario Chalmers added 14 apiece for the Heat, who matched the fifth-longest streak in NBA history. They will try for their 20th straight win on Wednesday at Philadelphia, the start of a five-game trip. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Jets trip up Maple Leafs in chippy affair

NHL. Winnipeg hands Toronto thirdstraight loss in raucous matchup at MTS Centre

Blake Wheeler scored twice as the Winnipeg Jets defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-2 on Tuesday night.

Former Leafs Nik Antropov and Kyle Wellwood also scored along with Evander Kane for the Jets (13-11-2), who have won three of their past four games. Dustin Byfuglien had three assists and Antropov had two.

Phil Kessel scored both goals for Toronto (15-11-1), which is winless in three straight.

The Jets outhustled and outmuscled the Leafs while getting solid goaltending from Ondrej Pavelec with 24



The last playoff spot in the Eastern Conference is again in sight for the Jets as they sit tied with the New York Kangers at 28 points apiece, following the Rangers' 3-1 loss to Buffalo on Tuesday night.

It was a chippy game right from the first faceoff at the MTS Centre.

Even the two captains got into the act, as Dion Phaneuf went after Andrew Ladd after the Maple Leaf defenceman was tripped and sent sliding into the boards behind the net.

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lets captain Andrew Ladd and his Toronto counterpart Dion Phaneuf trade punches in Winnipeg on Wednesday night. trevor hagan/the canadian

NBA **EASTERN CONFERENCE**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	48	14	.774	_
New York	38	23	.623	91/2
Indiana	39	24	.619	91/2
Brooklyn	38	27	.585	111/2
Chicago	35	28	.556	131/2
Boston	34	29	.540	141/2
Atlanta	34	29	.540	141/2
Milwaukee	32	30	.516	16
Toronto	25	39	.391	24
Philadelphia	24	39	.381	241/2
Detroit	23	43	.348	27
Cleveland	22	42	.344	27
Washington	20	42	.323	28
Orlando	18	47	.277	311/2
Charlotte	14	50	.219	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	49	16	.754	_
Oklahoma City	47	17	.734	11/2
L.A. Clippers	45	20	.692	4
Memphis	42	19	.689	5
Denver	43	22	.662	6
Golden State	36	29	.554	13
Houston	34	30	.531	141/2
L.A. Lakers	34	31	.523	15
Utah	33	31	.516	151/2
Dallas	30	33	.476	18
Portland	29	33	.468	181/2
Minnesota	22	39	.361	25
Phoenix	22	42	.344	261/2
New Orleans	22	43	.338	27
Sacramento	22	43	.338	27
Note: division leaders ranked		op th	ree posit	ions

regardless of winning percentage.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

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NHL

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New Jersey	26	12	9	5	65	75	29	St. Louis	26	14	10	2	80	79	30
NY Rangers	25	13	10	2	64	61	28	Detroit	26	12	9	5	68	66	29
NY Islanders	26	11	12	3	77	88	25	Nashville	26	11	9	6	58	61	28
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What a difference a few decades make



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2013 Toyota RAV4

- Type. Four-door, front/ all-wheel-drive compact wagon
- Engine (hp): 2.5-litre DOHC 14 (176)
- Transmissions. Six-speed automatic
- Base price (incl. destination) \$25,400

Design

Physically, it now displays all sorts of swoops and curves that replace a boxier design. In back, the side hinged cargo door with attached spare tire has been replaced by a more practical liftgate. The full-size spare (a rarity in this class) is now discretely located beneath the cargo floor. There's also a handy spot to hide small valuables next to the spare.



The addition of a liftgate makes the 2013 model a more practical one thar

Engine

Returning for 2013 is the one and only 2.5-litre four-cylinder that delivers 176 horsepower and 172 pound-feet of torque, which is actually enough for a vehicle that weighs in at about 1,550 kilograms. Although the engine returns basically unchanged, there's a new six-speed automatic transmission that replaces the previous four-speed unit.

Fueleconomy

The new fifth and sixth overdrive gearing — plus a more efficient torque converter — is largely responsible for the drop in fuel consumption to 8.7 l/100 km in the city and 6.4 on the highway (for front-wheel-drive models), which is down from 9.5/6.9. All-wheel-drive versions achieve 9.1/6.8, which is an improvement from 9.7/7.2.

Review. Starting a whole new class of vehicles is one thing. Being expected to continually redefine that class is something else altogether. No pressure

MALCOLM GUNN

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What a difference a couple of decades can make.

The original Toyota RAV4 that helped usher in the compact-utility segment back in 1996 was a major design and marketing breakthrough. Vehicles such as the Honda CR-V, Ford Escape and others eventually followed, with all offering an economical and affordable way to deal with just about any type of inclemency that Ma Nature might have tossed our way.

The latest RAV4 is no less capable, but over the years has

evolved into an elegant, sophisticated and highly detailed wagon.

Most of the cabin has been completely restyled and is awash with "soft-touch" materials and silver trim bits, which is pretty standard for this class now

If you're planning to add the third-row seat option to your RAV4, be advised that Toyota has discontinued that feature due to an apparent lack of interest.

The AWD option is updated with Auto, Lock and Sport modes to suit specific traction and driving situations. Lock keeps half the power going to the back wheels as long as you're driving slower than 40 km/h. Sport mode allows wider transfer of torque between the front and rear wheels (as much as half to the rear) than the Auto mode.

The base RAV4 LE comes with 17-inch steel wheels, which probably helps keep the starting price close to the \$25,000 mark, including air

conditioning, reclining secondrow seat plus most of the basic power features.

to the currently in vogue shapes that appear to intrude into the passenger area. There are eight standard airbags as well as a 15.5-centimetre display that doubl

The XLE adds a moonroof, dual-zone climate control, premium bucket seats and fancier 17-inch alloy wheels, while the Limited loads up with power-adjustable and heated front seats, power liftgate and 18-inch wheels. The XLE and AWD Limited are also the portals to a variety of premium-level op-

tions, including voice-activated navigation and Bluetooth wireless networking.

Whether in standard trim or all dressed up, the latest RAV4 is a handsome wagon that accentuates economy and efficiency, which was exactly the stated mission all those years ago. This time around, though, the RAV4 leaves behind its entry-level ways to become a more elegant and refined traveller.

By comparison



Honda CR-V
Base price: \$27,600



Nissan Rogue
Base price: \$25,850



Ford Escape
Base price: \$23,150



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Shifty characters and control freaks

Autoknow. So, how do you like being told that you're in the way of maximum fuel economy and performance?

MARK ATKINSON

If you think a vehicle does better when you give the instructions, then you're not going to like this story. Nope. Not one

However, giving in and let-ting your car shift itself might be easier if you're told that you'll get better fuel economy and better performance, which have often been considered direct opposites.

It used to be that there were two types of transmissions: manual and automatic. The reasons for selecting each were pretty obvious: the manual gearbox was preferred by driving enthusiasts and those looking to save money (lower purchase price) and fuel, while automatics were for those with longer commutes and more in-town driving, or those who simply preferred not to shift for themselves.

In the last decade, however, transmissions have become rather complicated. Now there are a half dozen ways to create a transmission that shifts itself, and manual transmissions at least in North America — are now found only in the disparate domains of economy cars, and, perhaps weirdly, at the other end of the gene pool in



sistency. Try that with a stick shift. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE MEDIA

Automakers are diving head-first into a whole raft of technologies including multigear automatics, continuously variable transmissions (CVTs), "clutchless" manual transmissions and more. And increasingly, they all try to do the same thing, namely make you appear to be a more sporting driver, using mostly electronic tricks ranging from paddle shifters to rev-matched down-

But how can you tell your Shiftronic from your Tiptronic, and what transmission suits you best?

Starting at its most basic, the automatic transmission still works the same as the one in your grandfather's Buick. To make them more efficient, traditional automatics are really piling on the gears. The base Ram 1500 pickup uses an eightspeed automatic transmission. German transmission maker ZF claims that such a transmission can provide up to 15 per cent better economy than a five-speed automatic.

The more gears you have, the easier it is for the engine to stay in the heart of its rev range, which means quicker acceleration and response to your right foot. Adding gears raises weight and adds complexity, however, which still makes them relatively rare.

Another self-shifting option is known variously as clutchless manuals, sequential gearboxes or dual-clutch gearboxes. The names are a bit deceiving because the transmissions indeed have clutches, but the transmission does all the shifting work for you. Driver input

and inefficiencies have been dialed out of the equation.

They're generally designed to replicate the lightning-fast shifting of a racing car without needing a clutch pedal at all. The whole transmission is controlled electronically, from the clutch slipping perfectly from rest, to the gear selection itself. Good yes, but it dials out the "fun" of rowing through the gears and working the clutch pedal by yourself. But clutchless manuals suffer from one key issue. The clutches eventually need replacing, which is no cheap fix.

Instead of increasing the number of gears, other manufacturers are reducing them to zero. Or more accurately, an infinite number of shifts.

Those who have driven snowmobiles or scooters have encountered the technology. Continually variable transmissions are steadily becoming more popular in automobiles. Rather than having a set number of gear ratios, a CVT generally uses a belt or chain run between two pulleys to transfer power to the wheels. The benefits are that the two pulleys can change diameter, which allows the engine to run in its most efmeaning improved accelera-

two clutches that pre-select the next gear change.

Nissan is the most fervent, offering CVTs in nearly everything in its line-up. Nissan believes the CVT "has very good potential as a leading technology for raising the fuel efficiency of internal-combustion engine systems."

You'll also find CVTs in products from Dodge, Jeep, Mitsubishi and even Subaru, who says its CVT in the current Legacy and Outback cuts the zero-to-60-m.p.h. (96 km/h) time by 25 per cent compared to a manual transmission. The CVT is standard issue on most serious gas-electric hybrids, too, such as the Toyota Prius.

However, making CVTs

"feel" like regular automatics is where the challenge comes in. Most times, the engine drones loudly because it doesn't need to go up and down the rev range, and acceleration can feel sluggish.

Ultimately, the type of transmission you prefer has less to do with design and everything to do with programming. Why?

Virtually every vehicle sold today uses electronic throttle controls and engine management, which means a car's behaviours are sorted on a computer before being tried out on a real product.

That's why some CVTs are excellent to drive, while other automatics are simply painful.

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Bring it on Facebook friend

Marketing. Ford loves and leverages the social media



AUTO PILOT Mike Goetz drive@metronews.ca

By early 2008, the Ford Motor Company knew something had to be done about social media.

I have no idea how many options the automaker's brain trust considered. Study social media some more? Jump in headfirst? Hide? Run? Attempt to destroy by clubbing with analog tape recorders?

But Ford ultimately did a very enlightened thing. It created a position called Global Head of Social Media and hired a guy named Scott Monty to fill it.

While Ford did dabble in social media marketing, it wanted its new hire to figure out an over arching social media strategy. Well, he and his team have done that and more. When it comes to using social media, Ford is the most progressive automaker out there, with many ground-breaking campaigns and with dedicated teams interacting with people on Facebook and Twitter.

Monty was recently named one of Forbes Magazine's Top Ten Social Media Influencers.

We had a chance last week to chew the social media fat with Monty during his trip to the city to speak at an automotive conference. We discussed lots, but here are three Ford social media initiatives and why Monty believes they were ultimately successful.

People like us

For the Fiesta Movement, 100 Fiesta vehicles were loaned out to social-media savvy "agents" before the vehicle was even officially introduced. Their videos and blogs and stories went viral.

"The fundamental lesson of Fiesta Movement was let go of your fear, turn it over to your customers and let them tell your story," said Monty.

Monty added that for this to work, Ford needed a great product and Fiesta was that. But also working in the Movement's favour was how people particularly value the opinions of people like themselves.

We've come to distrust big business and government in a way we didn't before, noted Monty. So we're looking more than ever for "third party" validation. We can get that from journalists, academics and analysts and advocates, etc., but "people like us" is the best source.

Turbocharing awareness

The all-new 2011 Ford Explorer was not revealed at an auto show. It was revealed on Facebook.

"We always have advertising that's running alongside PR, that's running al

Puppets and product fea-

To showcase the all-new 2012 Ford Focus we were introduced to Doug the Orange Puppet Spokesperson and his handler, John. In their short videos, found on YouTube and elsewhere, the narrative is more about Doug and John not jiving with their corporate colleagues than a sales



"It's completely un-corporate," said Monty. Doug the Puppet is known for having an eye for the ladies. John struggles with keeping Doug on his spokesperson task. It's a character-driven series that just happens to have a Ford Focus as the backdrop.

"We have product placement in our own entertainment series," said Monty.

According to Monty, a social media initiative doesn't necessarily have to be about entertainment, but it does need to provide something of value to a consumer.

"We already don't have their trust, now we're scrambling for their attention. How do you get their attention? Not by serving them another ad"



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Anti-lock brakes let you steer while stopping

Driving Force. Knowing how your ABS works can save you in an emergency

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Anti-lock braking system, or ABS, are among the most effective safety features on your car. But it's important to know how they work, so you can make the most of them when they're

"The main purpose for ABS is to make sure the driver is capable of steering the vehicle in an emergency braking situation," says Sylvain Gilbert, manager of technical services for Mercedes-Benz Canada. "If you

have your foot on the brakes hard and the front wheels lock, you can do whatever you want and the car won't turn. ABS keeps the brakes from locking."

Brakes use heavy metal rotors (also called discs) that are located behind the wheels and turn with them. When you press the brake pedal, metallic pads squeeze against the rotors, and the resulting friction stops the car. ABS doesn't activate during regular braking, because the tires grip the pavement and you stay in con-

But on a slippery surface, the car can slide like a toboggan. In the past, when cars didn't have ABS, drivers were trained to "pump" the brakes. This let the tires turn slightly, which gave them a chance to



reestablish their grip before the driver braked again.

ABS does the same thing, but much faster than you possibly could - as much as several times a second. You don't necessarily stop any faster, and in some cases it may even take a bit longer to stop, but you'll be able to steer your vehicle. That could mean the difference between going around an object or hitting it, or getting around a corner instead of sliding into

The sensors, computers and solenoids that ABS uses are also the basis of several other safety systems, including electronic stability control, which brakes specific wheels if your car is sliding sideways, and hill hold, which keeps them on for a few seconds so you don't roll back on an incline while going from brake to throttle.

Brake pedals used to vibrate harshly when ABS came on, but new systems are far quieter. "The system is under pressure and the pedal would vibrate because the solenoid was opening and closing and pumping that pressure," Gilbert says. You may feel the brake pedal sink slightly, but don't take your foot off it. Instead, press firmly and let the ABS do its job.

- · ABS and electronic stability control are mandatory on all new cars sold in Canada, starting with the 2012 model year.
- The first all-electronic. four-wheel, multi-channel ABS system, the basic type used today, was invented by Bosch and first offered as an option on the 1978 Mercedes-Benz S-Class, and shortly afterwards, on the BMW 7 Series.
- ABS can only do so much. Any time the road is slippery, slow down, and start breaking sooner.

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Upheavals in your personal life may make you feel vulnerable but there is no need to fear change. The new always replaces the old and what happens next will confirm that better days are on their way.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

This has the potential to be a really great time for you but it will only happen if you have a clear idea of what it is you want to happen. You can change you life in any way you

II Gemini May 22 - June 21

Don't tie yourself down today. As a Gemini, you need to be free to pursue your interests in your own way and at your own speed. Family and friends may not agree but it's not about them, it's about you.

9 Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You have some big ideas in your mind, but are you going to do anything with them? Remember: If you can think it you can do it, although you don't have to do it all at once.

Ω Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

The world may be in chaos but everything in your life is exactly how it should be. Loved ones need you to be a rock they can cling to in stormy times, so stand tall and stay strong for them.

W Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

All things exciting and unusual will attract you today. You just want to have fun. It's not often you are this adventurous but you've had your full of leading a predictable life — for the moment at least.

📤 Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You need to join forces with others to accomplish what you can't do on your own. You may not want to share the glory but if you do it all by yourself, there may be no glory to share.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Something you think you depend on will fall by the wayside today, but don't worry. In a matter of days you will realize it has made things easier for you. It was holding you back, not holding you up.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

What you learn today, about yourself and about the world, will make so many things in your life easier. The most important thing you can learn is that possessions are not what it's all about.

り Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Be positive and be purposeful. Make the world sit up and take notice of your unique talents. You can accomplish more than you thought possible over the next few months, so forget about limits. They don't exist.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Everyone has rivals, even an Aquarius, and someone who resents your popularity will try to make life difficult for you over the next few days. They will only succeed if you fight fire with fire. Just ignore them.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

What happens today will take you by surprise. The world is not the bad place that some people say it is. In fact, it is a wonderful place full of wonderful people. You're one of them. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- 1. Having wisdom
- Leppard 8. Make hair wavy
- 13. Crunchy snacks
- 15. '60s singer, Little
- 16. Pago Pago's land, American
- 17. Canadian frozen seafood company: 2 wds.
- 19. Garth Brooks' "Friends Places"
- 20. Smashes
- 21. Business books balancers, briefly
- 23. 'Chlor' suffix 24. City in Washington
- state 27. Comprehend
- 28. Metal band,
- Row 29. In the blink __ eye: 2 wds.
- 30. Hairstyling product 32. Cosmetics com-
- pany, __ Lauder
- 34. Damage
- 35. Sticker
- coat 37.
- 38. Steller's Jay is its provincial bird: 2 wds.
- 43. "Surprise!"
- 44. Big cat
- 45. Army unit on foot, for
- short 46. Connects
- 48. East: French
- 49. Encourage
- 50. Mr. McCartney
- 51. Ford, for one
- 53. Cherry-on-top dessert 55. 'Fool' suffix

- 56. Actor Mr. Robbins

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- 57. Kind of citrus fruit 58. Some swords
- 60. Provincial Park, ON
- firma!" (Land!)
- 66. Roman Myth: Sun god
- 67. Other: French
- 68. Great enthusiasm [var. sp.]
- 69. Like a fox
- 70. Bunny costume props

Sudoku

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How to play

Down

- 1. Teacher's workplace, for short
- 2. Hawaiian fish
- 3. Acting job
- 4. "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993) director Nora
- 5. Comfy house spots
- 6. Nightfall
- 7. Classic comedy, "Royal
- Canadian Air ___" 8. Canuck spy agency, for short
- 9. 54-40 song: "Baby ___" 10. Nelly Furtado hit: 4 wds.
- 11. Roughing It in the Bush author, Susanna
- 12. 'Footed' like Fido
- 14. Criticize

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- 18. Pictures
- 22. Had a hamburger 24. Archaeological
- discovery
- 25. In the distance
- 26. Wildlife group traversing the tundra:
- 2 wds.
- 27. Arctic formation
- 28. __ cell research
- 31. Genuine
- 33. Giddy-up helper
- 35. Celine of song
- 36. Fireplace ashes ...once
- 39. Plug away
- 40. Depart-togetherer's
- command: 2 wds.
- 41. "Young Franken-
- stein" (1974) role
- 42. For _ __ (It'll be done for money)
- 46. National park in
- Alberta
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- masterpiece 52. Collect
- 54. Arm bone
- 56. Nicholas II was one
- 57. The __ Duckling
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- Mancinelli opera) 61. Chuckling one's e-mail
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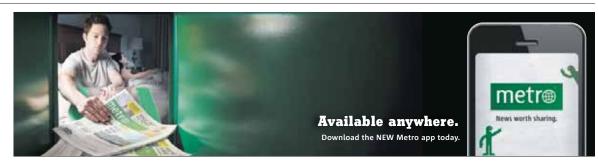


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